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- PROGRAM, MEDIA REACTION

1. IN FLYING, UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO TORONTO APRIL 17 - 18
SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL MET WITH PRESS, DELIVERED SPEECH
TO PRESTIGIOUS EMPIRE CLUB OF CANADA, AND PARRIED SHARP QUEST-
IONS BY HOST BUSINESS LEADERS. QUESTIONS RANGED FROM NEW
ENERGY SOURCES TO GATT TO DEREGULATING NATURAL GAS.
SPEECH DEALT WITH (1) U.S. COAL STRIKE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING,
(2) INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. CONSUL GENERAL AND
STAFF MET SECRETARY AT AIRPORT AND FACILITATED DEPARTURE WITH
COOPERATION U.S. CUSTOMS AND INS REPRESENTATIVES.

2. TORONTO SUN STRESSED THE SECRETARY'S WARNING AGAINST
UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
DISPUTES. "CONSISTENT GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WILL UNDERMINE
THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS. IN THE COAL STRIKE, THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWED A NON-INTERVENTIONIST
POLICY AS LONG AS THERE WAS A REALISTIC HOPE OF A
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT."

3. GLOBE AND MAIL HIGHLIGHTED REMARKS ON INTERNATIONAL
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE SECRETARY'S (NOT AS A
GOVERNMENT OR ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN) OWN SOLUTION
TO WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC STAGNATION IS MASSIVE LOANS BY
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO LESS DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES. "LOANS OF THE MAGNITUDE NEEDED ARE BEYOND
THE CAPACITY OF CENTRAL BANKERS OR INDIVIDUAL NATIONS
AND CAN ONLY BE MADE THROUGH UNPRECEDENTED COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS AND THE OPEC COUNTRIES.
THE MONEY SHOULD BE EARMARKED FOR AGRICULTURE, WATER AND
ENERGY PRODUCTION." THE SECRETARY TOOK A CRITICAL VIEW
OF "SOME NATIONS' ATTEMPTS TO SHIFT THE HOT POTATO OF
TRADE DEFICITS." "INDUSTRIAL NATIONS LIKE CANADA AND
THE UNITED STATES WORKING TOGETHER CAN TAKE STEPS TO
HEAD OFF THIS DISMAL PROSPECT. THE POLICIES TO
DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM MUST INCLUDE FIGHTING INFLATION,
FOLLOWING SENSIBLE TRADE POLICIES, REDUCING DEPENDENCE
ON FOREIGN OIL, AND SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
CAPITAL TRANSFERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."
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